

Weekly Disease Surveillance Report



2022 Reporting Week 38: September 18 — September 24

This weekly report is produced by the DOH-Okaloosa Epidemiology Section to provide situational awareness to community partners. Data is subject to change as additional information is gathered.

MONKEYPOX (MPX)

The CDC urges healthcare providers to be vigilant for patients presenting to your facility with a [characteristic MPX rash](#), which can resemble and coexist with sexually transmitted infections (STIs). It is important to become familiar with [identification](#) and be prepared for [specimen collection](#).

MPX testing is available through commercial laboratories, including Labcorp, Quest, Mayo Clinic, Aegis, Johns Hopkins, and Sonic Health, etc. Please follow established testing requirements for each laboratory. Approval for testing is NOT required from the Department of Health (DOH) if testing through a commercial laboratory.

If UNINSURED patients need MPX testing, please contact DOH-Okaloosa at 850-833-9065 for consultation. The state laboratory will receive specimens for uninsured patients that meet specific criteria and are approved for testing by the DOH. Approval for testing is required from the DOH if testing through the state laboratory and is based on clinical presentation, exposure history, and timeline.

For more information: [CDC Clinician FAQs](#), [CDC Clinical Guidance](#)

COVID-19 & ILI Trends

The number of COVID-19 cases and percent positivity for Okaloosa County has continued to decrease for this past week. The percentage of influenza-like illness (ILI) has plateaued, yet continues to remain above the normal trend for this time of year (normal average 1.0%).

NEW [CDC recommends the first updated COVID-19 booster](#). Please visit CDC to learn how the updated booster better protects against the most recently circulating COVID-19 variant.

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COVID-19 Snapshot

Week 38 Community Level

COVID-19 Community Level	New Hospital Admissions per 100K Population (Past 7 Days)	% Staffed Beds with COVID-19 Patients (Past 7 Days)
LOW	7.7	2.1%

PREVIOUS WEEK COMMUNITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

Week 38 Community Transmission Level

COVID-19 Community Risk Level	New Cases per 100K Population per Week	% Positivity per Week
MODERATE	48.8	7.0%

PREVIOUS WEEK RISK LEVEL: HIGH

Low	<10	<5%
Moderate	10-49	5-7.9%
Substantial	50-99	8-9.9%
High	>100	>10%

Community Level and Community Risk/Transmission Level are the color of the higher risk level for each of the two indicators. Data Source : CDC [Community Indicators at the County Level](#)



COVID-19 Fully
Vaccinated =
No Quarantine

COVID-19 in Okaloosa County

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COVID-19 IN OKALOOSA, CASES vs. VACCINATION

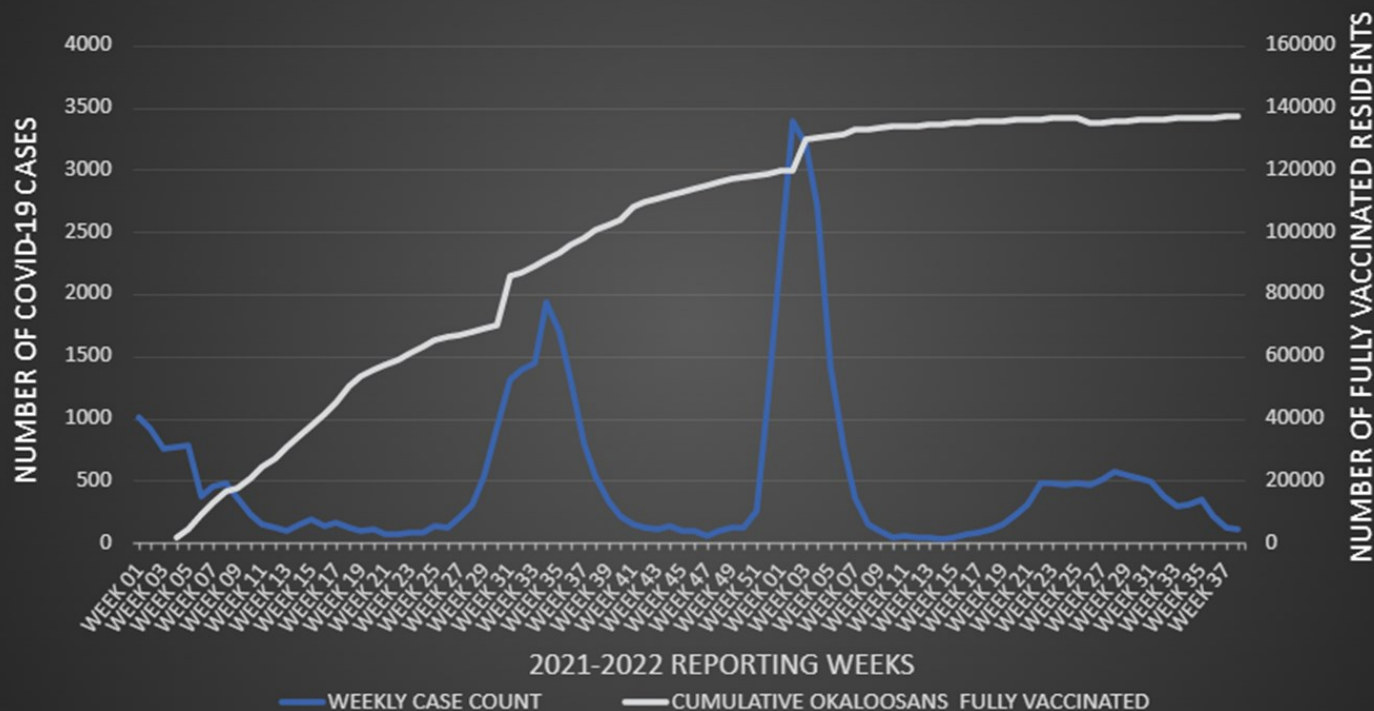


Figure 1: Cumulative number of fully vaccinated Okaloosa residents as compared to COVID-19 cases per week. Data reported through previous Sunday.
Data Source: Merlin & CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#)

Week 38 Review		Difference from Wk37
Resident Case Count	103	-21
Resident Case Count per 100K Population	48.8	-10.1
Average Resident Cases per Day	14.7	-3.0
Percent Positivity	7.0%	-3.3

Data Source: Merlin Database

The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) provides the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with county COVID-19 data, including deaths.

Please visit the [COVID-19 Community Profile Report](#) webpage to obtain death data by downloading the most recent excel file and locating Okaloosa on the 'Counties' tab.

For questions related to COVID-19 death data, please contact the FDOH Office of Communications at 850-245-4111 or NewsMedia@flhealth.gov.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS		
Fully-Vaccinated Groups	OKALOOSA	US
% of Population ≥ 5 Years of Age	69.5%	71.9%
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	75.2%	76.0%
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	77.9%	77.5%
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	95.0%	92.3%

Data reported through previous Sunday. Data Source: CDC [COVID Data Tracker](#)



Influenza-Like Illness

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Influenza-like Illness (ILI) is defined as fever greater than or equal to 100°F AND cough and/or sore throat in the absence of another known cause.

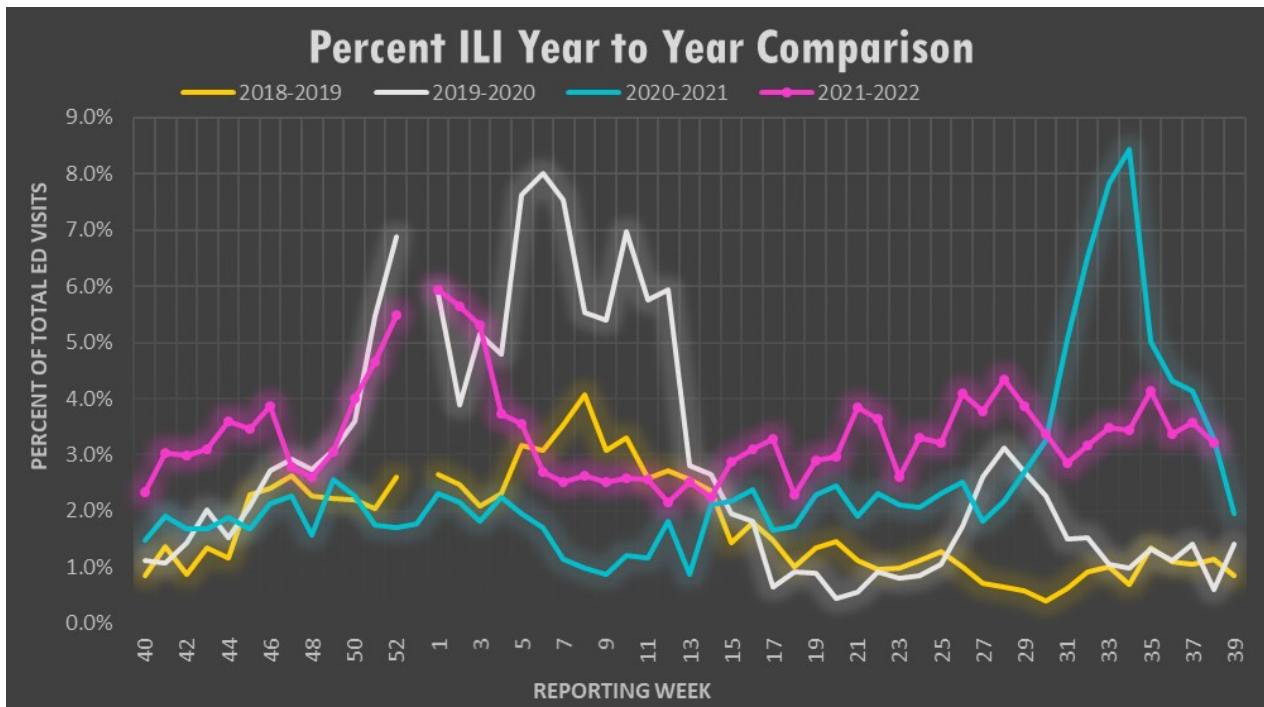


Figure 2: Annual comparison of the percent of all hospital ED visits due to ILI for Okaloosa county for the 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 influenza seasons by week. Data source: ESSENCE

ANALYSIS: During Week 38, flu reporting partners and ESSENCE (a syndromic surveillance system) reported a plateau in ILI activity for Okaloosa County. The percentage of ILI ED visits in Okaloosa County decreased from 3.57% during Week 37 to 3.20% during Week 38. Flu partners reported no positive rapid flu tests this week. Over the past three weeks, 5 out of 68 influenza specimens submitted to the state lab were positive (3 Influenza A unspecified, 1 Influenza B unspecified, and 1 Influenza A/B unspecified). There were no ILI admissions, outbreaks, or deaths reported by flu partners this week. The percentage of total ILI ED visits for Week 38 is lower than that of Week 38 last year.

Note: Other respiratory syndromes can be represented by increased ILI case numbers. Data Source: ESSENCE

% ILI by Age Group Week 38, 2022

Age Range	ILI Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total ILI Visits
0-4	30	248	12.10%
5-19	24	372	6.45%
20-34	13	516	2.52%
35-54	7	549	1.28%
55-74	4	564	0.71%
75+	4	308	1.30%

Data Source: ESSENCE

% of Total ILI Visits by Facility Week 38, 2022

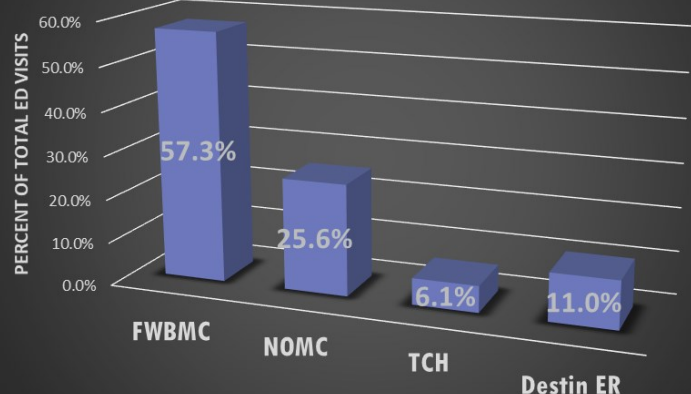


Figure 3: Hospital ED visits meeting ILI criteria stratified by facility. Percentages calculated based on total number of ILI ED visits. (n=82). Data source: ESSENCE



Syndromic Surveillance

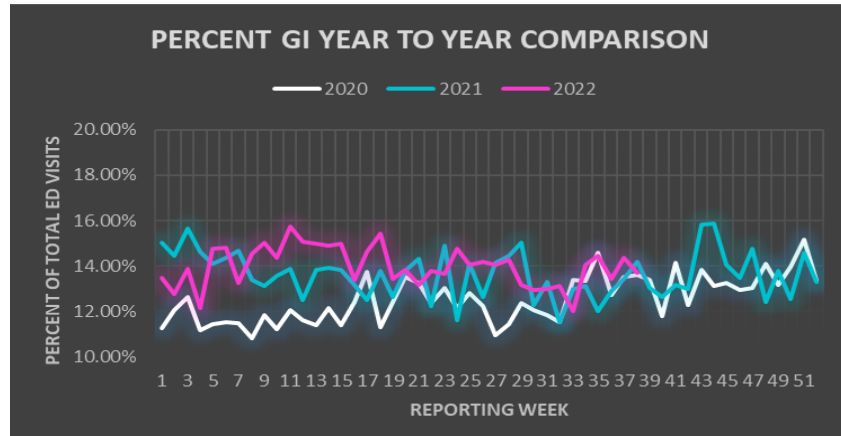
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Gastro-intestinal Illness (GI)

Figure 4:

Annual comparison for the percent of GI for all Okaloosa County hospital ED visits week to week for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Data Source: ESSENCE

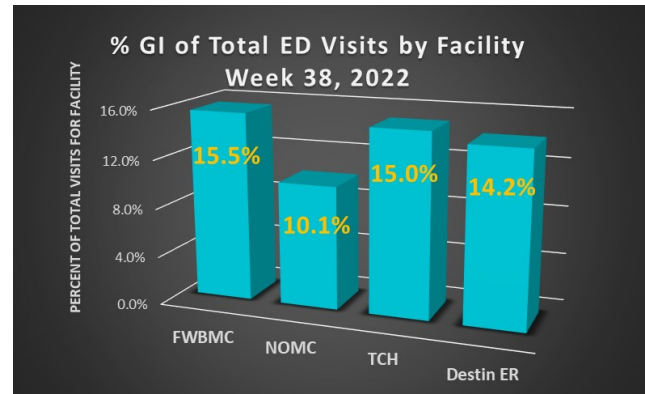


% GI by Age Group Week 38, 2022			
Age Range	GI Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total GI Visits
0-4	42	248	16.94%
5-19	54	372	14.52%
20-34	83	516	16.09%
35-54	75	549	13.66%
55-74	59	564	10.46%
75+	38	308	12.34%

Figure 5:

Hospital emergency room visits due to GI illness stratified by facility.

Data source: ESSENCE

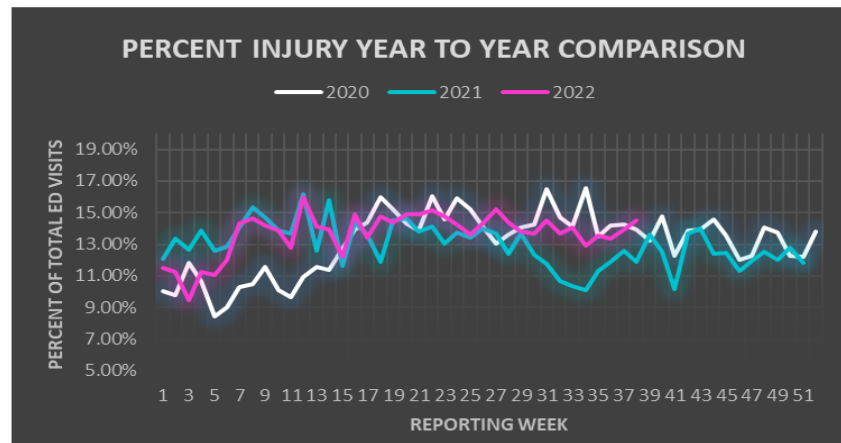


Injury

Figure 6:

Annual comparison for the percent of Injury for all Okaloosa County hospital ED visits week to week for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Data Source: ESSENCE

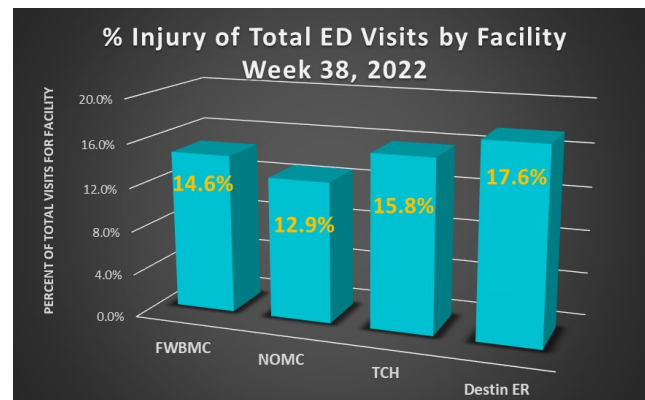


% Injury by Age Group Week 38, 2022			
Age Range	Injury Visits	Total ED Visits	% Total Injury Visits
0-4	29	248	11.69%
5-19	66	372	17.74%
20-34	77	516	14.92%
35-54	64	549	11.66%
55-74	90	564	15.96%
75+	46	308	14.94%

Figure 7:

Hospital emergency room visits due to Injury stratified by facility.

Data source: ESSENCE





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Total ED Visits by Syndrome

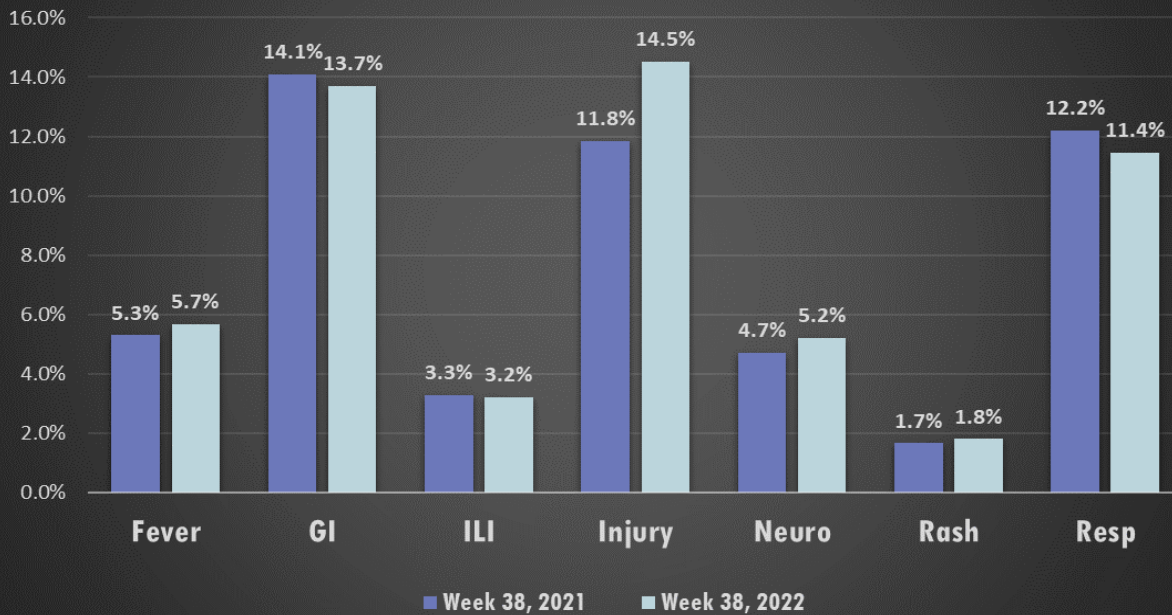
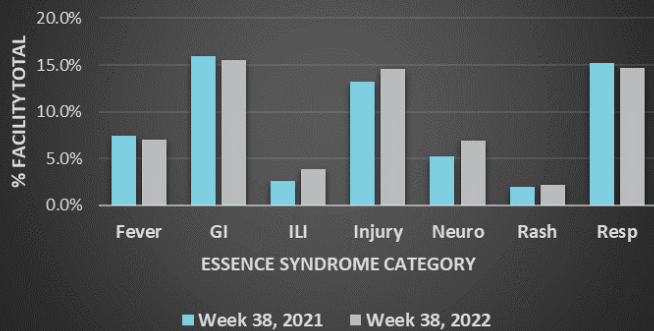


Figure 8: Hospital Emergency Department (ED) visits from 2022 Week 38 by select syndrome category. Percentages calculated based on total number of ED visits (n=2560). Some syndrome categories are not represented; therefore, represented percentages will not total 100%. Data source: ESSENCE

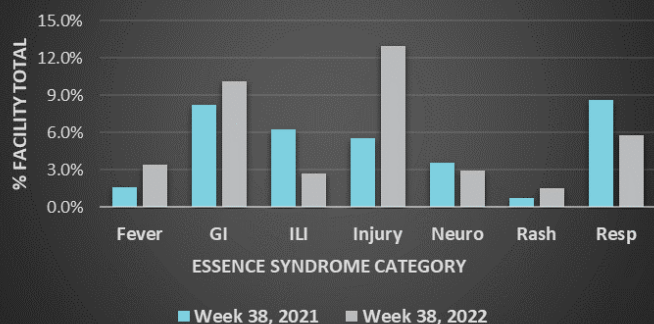
Fort Walton Beach Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 38- Fort Walton Beach Medical Center

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	RESP	53
5-19	RESP	48
20-34	GI	48
35-54	INJURY	35
55-74	INJURY	37
75+	NEURO	20

North Okaloosa Medical Center ED Presentations



Week 38- North Okaloosa Medical Center

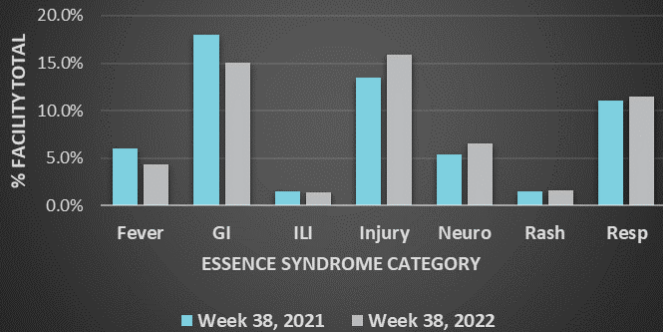
Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER	17
5-19	INJURY	19
20-34	GI, INJURY	19, 19
35-54	GI	18
55-74	INJURY	29
75+	GI	14



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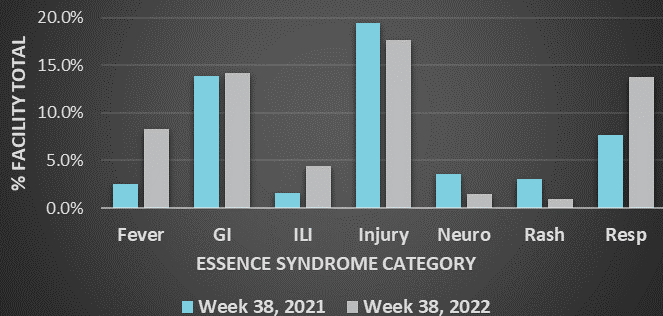
Twin Cities Hospital ED Presentations



Week 38- Twin Cities Hospital

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	FEVER	8
5-19	RESP	11
20-34	GI	11
35-54	GI	18
55-74	INJURY	18
75+	INJURY	12

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Week 38- Destin ER

Age Range	Top Syndrome	Total ED Visits for Syndrome
0-4	RESP	7
5-19	INJURY	9
20-34	INJURY	8
35-54	GI	8
55-74	INJURY	6
75+	GI	4

Week 38—Okaloosa County

Age Group	Top Syndrome
0-4	RESP
5-19	RESP
20-34	GI
35-54	GI
55-74	INJURY
75+	INJURY



Data Source: ESSENCE